2. Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute, Lucknow

3. Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh

4. Madras Medical College, Madras.

Assistance of Aids-hit Workers

901. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the scheme to assist AIDS-hit workers in hospitals and other areas.

(b) whether it is a fact that assistance is extended only till the date of retirement;

(c) what steps are being taken to institute a liberal scheme of assistance for medical workers and doctors; and

(d) whether Government propose to introduce a liberal and generous insurance cover scheme for all medical personnel involved in treatment and research of AIDS patients ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (d) Ministry of Health and F. W. have not so far formulated any scheme to assist AIDS-hit workers in hospitals or other areas.

Consequent on the recent controversy arising out of the delivery of a child by an African National Lady in the Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, the Director General of Health Services convened a meeting of the Medical Superintendents of six major Delhi hospitals where a scheme for giving compensation to health care workers was *inter-alia* discussed. This recommendation is under consideration of the Government.

Opening of C. G. H. S. Dispensary in Rohini

902. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of HEATH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Central Government employees are living in Rohini colony of Delhi but there is no C. G. H. S. dispensary/hospital functioning in the area;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether a large number of representations have been received from the residents of the area for opening of C. G. H. S dispensary in Rohini for the benefit of Central Government employees;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon ; and

(e) by when Government propose to open C. G. H. S. dispensaries there ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) The exact number of Government Employees residing in Rohini areas is not available. Although there is no C.G.H.S. Dispensary functioning in Rohini yet Hospital facility can be availed of from the nearest Delhi Administration Hospital.

(c) to (e) A few representations have been received from the residential Welfare Association.

The Number of Central Government Employees residing at Rohini as furnished by the Resident Welfare Associations does not fulfil the minimum criteria of 10,000—12,000 beneficaries or 2000—2500 Card Holders for opening a dispensary there.

903. [*Transferred to the 14th May*, 1992]

Requirement of C.G.H.S. Beneficiaries for Homoeopathic Services

904. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that C.G.H.S. beneficiaries attached with the North Avenue Allopathic dispensary have been attached with Homoeopathic dispensary at South Avenue which is about 4 Km. from their residences ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of representations have been

received from the above beneficiaries to the effect that they should be allowed to avail of Homoeopathic services from the Gole Market dispensary, which is only 500 metres away from their residences;

(c) if so, what action has so far been taken thereon; and

(d) by when the CGHS beneficiaries attached with North Avenue Allopathic Dispensary are likely to be attached with the Homeopathic Dispensary at Gole Market ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A few representations have been received from the beneficiaries.

(c) Instructions have been issued to attach the beneficiaries of North Avenue Dispensary with Gole Market Dispensary for availing of Homoeopathic Services.

(d) Does not arise.

Treatment of Osteo Arthritis

905. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hospitals in Delhi which are equipped to treat Questo-Arthritis disease;

(b) what are the allopathic and ayurvedic drugs prescribed for the disease;

(c) whether any serious research efforts has been made by the ICMR to find an effective drug for this disease and the number of institutions in which research is going on to find an effective drug; and

(d) whether it is possible to cure this disease or control it from further deterioration ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Most of the Government hospitals in Delhi are equipped to treat Osteo-Arthritis cases.

(b) Non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs are commonly prescribed for the treatment of the disease under allopathic system of medicine. Under the ayurvedic system, different drugs are prescribed, keeping in view the various factors relating to the patient and the disease.

(c) The I. C. M. R. is presently not conducting any research in this behalf.

(d) Osteo-arthritis is a chronic degenerative disease which can be controlled with the help of physical therapy and drugs.

Glass Powder in Isabgol

906. SHRI CHATURANAN MISRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in "Jansatta" Hindi of 22nd April, 1992;

(b) if so, Government reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that glass-powder was found in a packet of "Isabgol" purchased from a shop-keeper in Shahdara Delhi;

(d) whether on 29th March and 18th April, 1992 a letter was sent to the Lt. Governor of Delhi drawing his attention about this; and

(e) what action has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (e) As per information received from Delhi Administration, the case, as reported in the newsreport, was promptly investigated by its Drug Control department, though no formal complaint was received. Efforts made to locate the purchaser of the adulterated Isabgol powder went in vain and, therefore, sample could not be obtained for verification. Further, no patients by the names noted in the newsreport were admitted in GTB Hospital. No stock of the item was found with M/s. Shriram Ram Chander, 11. Chhoti Bazar, Shandara, Delhi. Moreover, no letter on the subject addressed to tre Lt. Governor of